

AMARILLO-ROSWELL- EL PASO SHORT LINE IS LATEST HIGHWAY

REMARKABLE ROAD-BUILDING ACTIVITY ON PECOS; ALAMO BUSINESS MEN FAVOR BOND ISSUE

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 29.—Roswell has a new road, says the Record. The Amarillo-Roswell-El Paso Short Line association was organized last week and permanent officers elected. The officers of the association are: J. E. Clayton, Jr., president; J. W. Stockard, of El Paso, general vice-president; C. C. Cagle, secretary, and Alex Shipley, of Clovis, treasurer.

The good roads convention held in this city last week has been the means of permanently establishing and designating this highway and of bringing many good results. A number of the most prominent good roads boosters in this section of the country have been in attendance and have given their assistance to the organization.

The convention adjourned after hearing addresses by J. W. Stockard, of Missouri, J. P. Hinkle and Judge G. A. Richardson, all prominent in the work of furthering good roads.

ENDORSES OTERO COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE

Alamogordo, N. M., Jan. 29.—The Alamogordo Commercial Club has endorsed a plan for an issue of bonds for road construction in Otero county, and an effort now is being made to secure the approval of the people of all sections of the county. It is proposed to issue bonds to the amount of \$150,000, and it is hoped to secure a like amount from the Federal government under the terms of the Federal aid road act.

FARMER FRIGHTFULLY HURT BY DYNAMITE

EYES BLOWN OUT, RIGHT HAND TORN OFF, NOSE AND EARS BADLY LACERATED BY PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF BLAST

Carlsbad, N. M., Jan. 29.—E. M. Delk, a farmer on the Rocky Arroyo, was horribly injured last week by a delayed blast of dynamite. Dr. Boatman brought the injured man to the Eddy county hospital, where it was found that the sight of both eyes had been destroyed, his right hand almost torn off at the wrist, hanging only by the flesh, a long gash cut in his flesh, the nose horribly torn and the flesh of both ears badly lacerated, besides small pieces of rock and gravel imbedded in the flesh of other parts of the face. "Surgical" attention was promptly given and it is now believed he will recover. The story of the accident, as learned, is about as follows:

Mr. Delk left his home in the morning to do some work which required blasting, and dynamite was used. Not returning at noon for dinner, one of his sons went out to learn the cause, and found the father staggering around blindly, trying to reach his home. His account of the accident was that he had put in a blast of dynamite and the charge not exploding as promptly as it should went over to investigate the cause and found that the fuse was apparently not burning, as the usual sparks and sputter were not visible, and he was in the act of applying a lighted match to the fuse when the charge of dynamite exploded, with the results above indicated. That he did not lose consciousness is remarkable and that he did not do so is evident from the fact that he tied his handkerchief tightly around his mangled arm by the aid of his teeth and other hand, thus preventing his bleeding to death.

Tried to Shoot Up Town, Is Allegation

Raton, N. M., Jan. 29.—Damiano Valdez, a native of Old Mexico, was brought from Springer by Constable J. P. Caldwell and is being held at the county jail pending a hearing before the grand jury on a charge of discharging deadly weapons. The man attempted to shoot up the town and was apprehended a few miles out of the city by the constable who narrowly missed being killed when Valdez attempted to resist arrest by drawing his six-shooter and firing at the officer. Caldwell seized the weapon in time to divert the bullet, but the fire from the discharge of the weapon set fire to his clothing and burned his sweater and other garments before he overpowered Valdez.

OIL LOCATORS BUSY

Alamogordo, N. M., Jan. 29.—A total of 137 oil claim locations have been recorded at the office of the county clerk, 42 of them this month. This approximates a total of 17,686 acres up to the present time.

Another oil company with locations in what is coming to be known as the Twin Buttes field, is being formed this week with local Alamogordo people interested. The company is to be known as Twin Buttes Oil and Gas Co., No. 2.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Presbyterian cottage prayer meetings will be held tonight at the homes of the following: Henry Dendahl, Don Gaspar avenue, Mr. McBride, leader; Mrs. Stevenson, Hillside avenue, Mr. Scott, leader. It is hoped that many residents of each neighborhood will be present. The prayer meetings are in the interest of the "Big" Mason meetings, which will open Friday night at the church.

WOMAN LIVES 20 MINUTES WITH HER BODY CUT IN TWO

WIFE OF TYRONE CARPENTER DIES FROM TERRIBLE INJURIES SUSTAINED UNDER WHEELS OF ORE TRAIN

SILVER CITY, N. M., Jan. 29.—Mrs. W. B. Haymen, aged 45, wife of a carpenter at Tyrone and well known resident of that camp, met a horrible death there last week when she fell from the running board of the engine of an ore train and was ground under the wheels before the eyes of her daughter and a half dozen bystanders. The body was completely dismembered at the hips, but despite this fact, the woman lived 20 minutes after the accident, dying in the Parker Hospital, whither she was removed immediately after the catastrophe.

The accident occurred about 300 yards above the company store. The ore train was on its way to the mill site for which place Mrs. Haymen was also bound, being care-taker of the bunk-houses at both the mill site and mine camp. The two places are two and one-half miles apart and it was her custom to walk the distance except on occasions when she found an ore-train making the trip when she would ride on the open cars. This time, however, she jumped on the running board of the engine and in some way missed her hold and fell beneath the wheels. Five or six cars passed over the body before the brakeman noticed the accident and halted the train. The crushed body was tenderly picked up and hurried to the hospital, but she was beyond medical aid and died within a few minutes.

JUMPS FROM TRAIN AND FALLS UNDER WHEELS

Cloudcroft, N. M., Jan. 29.—The first accident on the logging road resulting in death occurred between Russia and the logging camps near Cloudcroft, when Clint Hathaway was seriously hurt and died within a few hours. From the reports regarding the accident it seems that a string of cars got away from the train crew and when they reached a cut Clint Hathaway and John Longwell jumped. Longwell was not injured but Hathaway landed on the embankment on the side of the cut which was covered with snow and ice and slipped under the wheels of the moving cars. He was badly mutilated and died on the way to town. The body was taken to Alamogordo.

TEXAS COMPANY TO MAKE INVESTIGATION OF SAN JUAN OIL

IF EXPERT MAKES FAVORABLE REPORT, BIG CONCERN WILL THOROUGHLY TEST OUT FIELD

Gallup, N. M., Jan. 29.—Plans for the development of oil in San Juan county promise to prove successful in the immediate future, says the Independent. The progressive men who came to the fore when these plans were made a few months ago, have succeeded in their efforts even beyond their fondest expectations.

W. Goff Black and Edward Everett Young went to Casper, Wyo., recently and got in touch with representatives of the Standard Oil company and the Texas Oil company. They quietly pitted these two big companies against each other, and so within less than one week had a written contract duly signed and executed with the Texas Oil company, wherein that great corporation agrees to send its expert and make a thorough examination of the San Juan field.

If their expert's report is favorable, the company then agrees to thoroughly test out that field at its own expense. When oil is found in commercial quantities the Texas Oil company will enter into a contract to develop the entire field, either on a royalty or acreage basis. This fortunate arrangement with one of the greatest producing oil companies in America thus relieves the San Juan people from any further worry about money for oil development purposes. The Texas Oil company will put in a refinery, when one is needed and can even build the railroad south when the time comes.

Meanwhile the representative of the Standard Oil company sought out the two San Juan men and assured them that his company had changed its policy and would be glad to investigate new and promising oil territory. If for any reason the Texas Oil company fails to carry out its contract the Standard will be notified.

Excavation on Eagle's Nest Diversion Dam

Cimarron, N. M., Jan. 29.—Excavation was commenced within the past few days on the diversion dam several miles below Cimarron to place the waters under the Eagle's Nest project on the adjoining lands. Several cars of steel and iron are now on the road for this dam to be used when concrete construction begins in the spring. The entire irrigation project is being constructed as rapidly as possible under prevailing weather conditions, and it is generally believed that the project will be completed not later than next fall. With the completion of the diversion dam it may be possible that some of the lands will be placed on the market much earlier than expected; however, this remains to be decided at some future date, when the work is practically completed.

VICTOR AMERICAN DENIES DEFAULTING

COAL COMPANY NOT TAKEN OVER BY NEW YORK BANKERS, DECLARES OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Gallup, N. M., Jan. 29.—The Victor American Fuel company has issued a denial of the report of the defaulting by the company on interest payments and that the company was taken over by New York bankers.

A copy of the Gallup Independent containing the article of the reported transfer of the company was presented to G. F. Bartlett, vice-president and treasurer of the company, at Denver, and he immediately wired W. A. Murray, the local manager, as follows: "There is absolutely no truth in the statement that Hayden, Stone & company have taken over the Victor American Fuel company, or that any reorganization is being considered. The company has never defaulted in the payment of its bond interest. The interest falling due January first was paid, and the falling due February 1st has been provided for. While it is true that the company's earnings were seriously affected by the strike of 1913 and 1914 and the depressed conditions in the local coal trade following the strike, it is now earning a substantial amount in excess of its interest."

When asked as to the origin of the report and its purpose, officials of the company stated that they believed it was started in the hope of creating a panic in the stock market that some who wished to gain control of the company's stock might buy the same at a greatly reduced figure.

\$225,000 Worth Of Beans Sent By Mountainair

MOUNTAINAIR, N. M., Jan. 29.—Another car of beans was loaded last week, making eighty-five cars shipped out this season from Mountainair. This is a total shipment of 3,400,000 pounds shipped from here, which is a value to the farmers of about \$225,000.

Just as we had the above figures in type concerning the bean shipment, says the Independent, we learned that another car of beans was being loaded making the total 86 cars. The independent's estimate of 100 cars shipped from Mountainair during this season will yet become a reality.

WOMAN DIES FROM INJURIES UNDER TRAIN

Raton, N. M., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Campbell Haddow, who was fatally injured in a railroad accident which occurred at Dawson, died at the hospital in that place and her body was brought here for interment in Fairmount cemetery. Mrs. Haddow was struck while crossing the railroad track by an engine which was backing around a curve, and suffered such serious injuries that the amputation of both legs was immediately necessary. The exhaustion caused by the loss of blood from her wounds and the shock of the operation proved fatal, and death came two days later. It appears from reports of the accident that Mrs. Haddow met her death in saving the life of her 12-year-old daughter, who was with her at the time of the accident.

BONNEY MINE AT LORDSBURG CHANGES HANDS

Lordsburg, N. M., Jan. 29.—One of the most important mining transactions in the history of the Lordsburg mining region was consummated here last week when the contracts and lease and options on the famous Bonney mine, owned by the Western Mining and Development company, were sold to the Lawrence Mining company, composed of well known capitalists and mining men.

The new company is composed of the following directors and officers: Guilford A. Delton, of Indianapolis, Ind., president; David J. Evans, of Chicago, vice-president; Edward Hoopes, of Pittsburgh, Pa., secretary; C. A. Blanchard, of Pittsburgh, Pa., John C. Slack, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Robert J. Kerr, of Chicago, and Frank W. Vellacont, of Silver City, N. M., directors. These men represent unlimited capital and command the best of technical skill in the United States. All are prominent, successful business men.

DARING ROBBERY OF JEWEL SHOP

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 29.—The most daring robbery ever known to this city took place at 11:30 o'clock at night, when some unknown person broke the large plate glass of the Zank jewelry store and took watches and other articles of jewelry valued at more than \$500. It is believed that the thief would have entered the building and taken more of the stock had it not been for persons passing along the street. No clue to the identity of the thief has been secured by the police.

Malicious Vandalism In Carrizozo Postoffice

Carrizozo, N. M., Jan. 30.—Some miscreant entered the postoffice lobby and with a pair of pliers or some similar instrument broke the face knobs off of nine of the combination lock boxes. This is a repetition of the damage done a few months ago when several boxes were treated in the same manner. No reason can be advanced for such malicious mischief, as the door could not possibly have profited any way.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

COSTLY CHURCH PLANNED—The Methodists of Clovis are planning the erection of a church to cost \$15,000. They expect to get a liberal contribution from the church extension department and to this will be added contributions from a local source.

GAMBLERS FINED—The village of Columbus has been enriched \$225 during the past week as a result of fines imposed by Judge Peach. The larger portion of this sum was assessed against individuals for being mixed up in games of chance.

ELEVATOR AT SAN JON—Lester Stone, of Amarillo, Tex., has relocated a building site on the switch at the railroad yards in San Jon for the erection of a 10,000 bushel elevator. The lease for the ground had been previously signed by the railroad officials. Mr. Stone is a man of experience in the grain business and work will commence as soon as the weather will permit of cement work, of which material the foundation and dump pit will be constructed. The building above the foundation will be a wooden structure covered with galvanized iron.

CLOVIS HIGH SCHOOL—Bids are being received today for the \$50,000 issue of school bonds which were voted recently for the erection of a new high school building in Clovis. If satisfactory bids are found for the bonds plans will be made immediately for the erection of the new building so that it will be ready for use by the time school commences next fall.

MOGOLLON MINES OUTPUT—During 1916 the Mogollon Mines company, operating the Last Chance and Top Mines, marketed 305,867 ounces of bullion containing 6793

ounces gold, 277,330 ounces silver, also 98.8 tons of concentrates, concentrates containing 1378 ounces gold and 94,020 ounces silver. Development amounted to over 2200 feet of the new three compartment shaft, which is now completed to 900 feet. This property has produced steadily for 15 years and is one of the largest gold-silver mines in the southwest.

REBUILDING PHONE LINE—The construction force of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company have reached Springer. They are rebuilding the line between Raton and Las Vegas, which is along the Santa Fe right-of-way. Soon Springer will have direct communication by telephone with points south instead of by way of Gallup.

RATON TOWN HALL—The present town hall of Raton is now considering a proposition to erect a fine town hall during the coming summer. The town treasury is expected to have a splendid surplus in a short time that will justify the building of a city home.

BEET GROWERS DISCOURAGED—John Wine has been appointed field superintendent for the Garden City Sugar & Land company to represent the company in the French and Maxwell districts. He will start out at once to find out how many of the farmers intend to grow beets this year. The return per acre on beets the past season was anything but satisfactory, and several former growers say they will not enter the business again. They cite the lack of water on the Maxwell tract and the low sugar contents of last year as reasons why they will try something else another year.

TOMATO GROWERS TO GET \$17 PER TON THIS YEAR

BANNER SEASON EXPECTED AT LAKEWOOD CANNERY; FRUIT GROWERS MEET

Lakewood, N. M., Jan. 30.—About 300 acres of tomatoes are to be planted this season, and barring floods or other destructive elements, this should be a banner year in the history of the canneries. As an evidence that there'll be something doing the growers will receive this year \$17.00 a ton for their tomatoes instead of \$15 as heretofore.

The pulpsters will be back again this year to handle the poorer grade of tomatoes.

Pursuant to the call of the secretary the stockholders of the Lakewood Truck and Fruit Growers' association met in the offices of the association for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the coming year.

The old board was re-elected, and is composed of the following: G. H. Sellmeyer, B. P. St. John, A. C. Crozier, W. T. Cook and Dr. E. S. Furay.

The board met and elected the following: President, B. F. St. John, first vice-president, Dr. E. S. Furay; second vice-president, W. T. Cook; secretary, A. C. Crozier; treasurer, G. H. Sellmeyer.

The officials are planning to start the cannery a little earlier this year than usual, the intention being to can a few cars of green beans before the tomatoes come in, a nice acreage having already been lined up among the farmers.

\$50,000 Check as First Payment On \$150,000 Ranch

HALEY PURCHASE AT DES MOINES BIGGEST RECENT LAND DEAL IN UNION COUNTY

Des Moines, N. M., Jan. 30.—R. A. Haley sat at the desk in the hotel Des Moines and wrote a check for \$50,000 as the first payment on the Ed Wright ranch near Corrumpa. The balance of \$100,000 is to be paid as soon as some details can be arranged. This is the biggest land deal recorded recently in Union county.

Mr. Haley comes from near Lubbock, Texas, and recently sold his holdings there to the Santa Fe railroad promoters that are projecting an extension of the Santa Fe system in that section.

Tyrone Hotel Will Be Magnificent Edifice

Silver City, N. M., Jan. 30.—Work will commence within a few weeks on the magnificent hotel which the Phelps-Dodge company will build at Tyrone and which is part of their plans in building the "model mining town of the world." The hotel will comprise 78 rooms, and will be of the same style of architecture as the other palatial buildings and will be built on the same lavish scale of expenditure, no expense being spared to make it one of the finest hotels in the Southwest. The cost will approximate well over \$100,000, with furnishings.

\$150,000 RANCH SALE

Hope, N. M., Jan. 30.—Noel L. Johnson reports the sale of a 200-section ranch for \$150,000. The ranch is in the big hills southwest of Hope.

Navy Captains Named For Rear Admirals

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—President Wilson today nominated the following captains in the navy to be rear admirals: Harry McL. P. Huse, Robert F. Griffin, George W. Burd. James H. Oliver, John Hood and William S. Sims.

BLUE SKY DECLARED

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hopes the United States will appreciate the new state of affairs from the lofty and exalted standpoint of the imperial government and on its part will also co-operate in order to avoid further misery and avoid taking of human lives.

"Referring as to details of the planned war measures at sea to the annexed, the government at the same time begs to express its confidence that the American government will warn American ships against entering the barred zones described in the annexed and also warn its citizens against taking passage on or confiding goods to ships plying to ports in the barred zones."

Similar notes have been handed to the representatives of all neutral governments.

ARMED SHIP SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED

Washington, Jan. 31.—Various reports of developments in the armed ship issue were met by the state department today with a long line of categorical denials, the whole effect of which is to represent the situation as absolutely unchanged. Department officials declared no list of specific cases of offensive or defensive armament had been submitted by Germany; that no ruling on the armed ship issue had been asked by Germany; that no inquiry as to reported incidents in defensive armament had been sent to Great Britain; that authentic information had been received at the department; that the British admiralty had offered rewards to merchantmen commanders who sunk German submarines; that no new principle had been laid down by the American government on armed ship issues; and that no settlement had been made of the sinking of the British horse ship Russian, with the loss of seventeen Americans, or the Marina, with the loss of six.

Severe Chilly Spell Coming

Washington, Jan. 31.—A severe and prolonged cold wave in nearly all districts east of the Rocky mountains was forecast today by the weather bureau. It is following a storm of marked intensity central this morning over Missouri and moving rapidly eastward. The cold will reach the middle west and southwest tonight and Thursday and the eastern and southern states by Thursday night or Friday. The cold already has overpowered the plains states and the Rocky mountain and western plateau regions.

TRAFFIC IN DAKOTAS BADLY DEMORALIZED

Aberdeen, S. Dak., Jan. 31.—The worst storm of the season is still raging in North and South Dakota early today. All kinds of traffic are demoralized.

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 31.—One of the worst storms of the winter is raging all over northern Nebraska and southern North Dakota. Trains arriving over the Chicago and Northwestern are about four hours late. A high northwest wind accompanied by about two inches of snow and temperatures around 20 degrees below zero is making conditions serious.

Winner, S. D., reports 20 degrees below zero, while at Chamberlain it is 24 below.

At Deadwood and Rapid City there are indications that the storm is abating, but around Winner it rages so fiercely that it is impossible to see across the street.

Senate Passes Bill to Make Alaska Arid

Washington, Jan. 31.—The senate today passed the Jones bill to make Alaska prohibition territory. The bill would prohibit manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the territory and also the transportation thereto. It has not yet passed the house.

ARMOUR CASE IS SECOND WHERE DOG FINDS HUMAN FOOT AND EXPOSES CRIME

COLONEL SENA RECALLS CASE OF TOMAS MARTINEZ, MURDERED AND CREMATED AT OJO DE LA BACA IN 1895

The finding of the skeleton of Clyde D. Armour, near Glorieta, N. M., on October 23, through a little black dog, which led Antonio Sandoval, Y. Griego to the spot where the body of the murdered man had lain for months, is the second instance where canine intelligence has brought a gruesome murder to light in Santa Fe county. And the striking coincidence is that the discovery of the murdered body in both instances was through a foot which was protected by a shoe.

Col. Jose D. Sena, former mayor of Santa Fe, today called attention to the case which resembled that of Armour as far as the finding of the body was concerned. "It was in 1892 or 1893 that Tomas Martinez, then living at Ojo de la Baca, who had several relatives in Santa Fe, was murdered," said Col. Sena. "It appeared that he was out on horseback herding cattle when he came upon two men, Jesus Villapando and Feliciano Chavez, who had slaughtered a calf on the mesa, not far from this city. Tomas Martinez complained to them about the loss of one of his calves, accusing them of stealing the animal. They became enraged and threatened him with death. They carried out the threat, pulling the youth from his horse and shooting him. His body was then thrown into a wood fire and cremated, as the murderers supposed."

"A dog belonging to Martinez followed him. The murderers took a shot at the animal, wounding it slightly in the nose. The dog returned to Martinez's home in Ojo de la Baca and scratched on the door. It was finally admitted. Looking up into the faces of those at the house, the dog clearly indicated that it desired to show the whereabouts of its master."

Col. Sena adds that after much persuasion the dog induced Martinez's relatives to leave their home and follow it for a considerable distance. Arrived on the mesa, where the murder had been committed, the dog went direct to the place where a fire had been built the day before. There were only the smoldering embers and ashes left. Digging into the ashes the faithful dog pulled out the foot of the murdered man. It had been left intact owing to a heavy wet shoe which encased it.

This evidence led to the arrest and conviction of the murderers who were hanged for the crime.

In the recent murder case, the dog belonging to Antonio Sandoval y Griego made his first announcement of the discovery of a man's body in the woods by bringing in the left foot covered by a victrola shoe. Sandoval, who lives about three miles above Glorieta, received this message late Saturday night, January 13, according to reports. He tied up the dog all night and the next morning he let the animal loose. The dog at once proceeded to the place where the skeleton of Armour lay, some 300 yards from the much-traveled Las Vegas-Santa Fe road, in a secluded spot that only wild animals or kept scented dogs would have been tempted to visit.

According to Sandoval's story, the little dog again and again turned back as he led the way, glancing up into his master's face with a look of appeal.

Peace Dove Broods Over Costa Rica

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 31.—Peace reigns undisturbed throughout the country notwithstanding the deposition last Saturday of President Gonzalez. All the banks have offered their full credit and support to the provisional government of Frederico Tinoco, who was minister of war in the Gonzalez cabinet. The provisional president has appointed the following ministers:

Foreign affairs, Carlos Lara. War and navy, J. J. Tinoco. Public works, Juan B. Quireros. Finance, Oscar Rohrmoser. Interior, Amado Johanning. Public instruction, R. B. Brenes Mesen.

The provisional government today issued a decree for election on April 1 for a congress which will meet on May 10 to draw up a new constitution.

Newspaper Man Gets Honolulu Postoffice

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—D. H. McAdams, for many years Washington correspondent of the St. Louis "Republic," was nominated by the president today as postmaster at Honolulu. He is employed in the post office department and worked for the Democratic national committee in the last campaign.

President of Smith Gets Minnesota Offer

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 31.—Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., today was tendered the presidency of the University of Minnesota by the board of regents to succeed Dr. George E. Vincent, who recently resigned to become head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

NATIONAL GUARD SYSTEM VICIOUS AND INDEFENSIBLE, SAYS GEN. WOOD

War Department's Share
In Mobilization He
Also Includes

Washington, Jan. 31.—Major General Leonard Wood, commander of the eastern department, questioned by Senator Blair Lee today on the mobilization of the National Guard for border service before the senate subcommittee on the National Guard system was a "vicious and indefensible military system," but admitted he included in the word "system" much of the war department's share in the mobilization.

The government arsenal's method of equipping state troops had completely broken down with 10 days after the call was made, General Wood said. This was not the main fault, he declared, as even had supplies been ready the men would have been untrained. The officer could see no hope that an effective force ever could be built up except under exclusive federal control, divorced wholly from the state governments.

"The officers and men of the National guard are entitled to the highest credits," General Wood said. "We are attacking a vicious and indefensible system. I am equally strong against the volunteer system."

General Wood said he had entertained the same opinion when chief of staff and he believed Major General Witherpoon and Scott, his successors, took the same view.

"Then the last three chiefs of staff have been called upon to administer a system which they looked upon as vicious and indefensible," asked Senator Lee.

"You think it possible they could administer a system they so regarded in an effective and friendly manner?" "I think if you had been at the mobilization camps you would have thought it was so administered," General Wood replied.

The officer insisted that the regular army officers had given the National guard system the fairest treatment that could be desired. Explaining the feeling of the guardsmen coming home from the border he said: "They are coming home sadder but wiser. They have learned the folly of the system of which they were victims. They have been dragged by naivete. Now they are not going to see the country leaning on a broken reed. They were not soldiers when they reached the border and to have put them up against reasonably good troops would have been murder."

General Wood was drawn aside from the National guard discussion into the question of machine guns. Under the present organization of the war department he said, the country would never be properly equipped in this regard.

CHIEF OF STAFF WILL INSPECT BORDER FORCES

Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 31.—Major Madden, chief of General Funston's staff, is expected to leave San Antonio to go for Yuma, Nogales, Tucson and El Paso, for a general inspection of forces, according to advices from Yuma, where Major Madden is expected direct from San Antonio. It is said he would inspect the troops at Nogales, Columbus, Deming and El Paso on his return trip. The Eleventh and Thirteenth cavalry will leave Deming, N. M., for Fort Sam Houston.

Las Vegas Named as Common Point on Ozark Trail Highway

Las Vegas, N. M., Jan. 31.—Having received the assurance that Las Vegas will take charge of the raising of sufficient money to put the highway between here and Tucumcari and the Texas line in excellent condition, the general officers of the Ozark Trail association have named this city as a common point on their road. It will remain as such until next June, when the association will hold its annual convention in Amarillo. At that time the permanent common point will be named.

O. L. Williams, secretary of the commercial club, has just returned from a trip to Texas and Oklahoma, and he says he found the people there literally aflame with enthusiasm for Las Vegas and this section of New Mexico. Mr. Williams had with him a number of stereoscopic views, and he gave several illustrated lectures advertising Las Vegas and its climate. He could have given a hundred or more, he says, having received application from that many towns and cities for talks.

In Texas the Dallas people enthusiastically are planning for their sociability run to Las Vegas next spring and the Texas papers are full of New Mexico items in connection with the trip. Mr. Williams says that Las Vegas now has to make good its promise to get the road in shape between here and the Texas boundary.

President Hermann, of the commercial club yesterday afternoon called the first meeting of the committee appointed for the purpose of raising the necessary funds and making the necessary preparations for Las Vegas' extensive tourist campaign of the coming spring and summer. The committee is composed of George H. Hunker, E. D. Reynolds, Charles Danziger, Jacob Stern, Robert J. Taupert and Charles Greenway.

BANK AT BUENOS AIRES

Washington, Jan. 31.—The federal reserve board announced today that it had authorized the First National bank at Boston to open a branch at Buenos Ayres with a capital of \$1,000,000.